

Drug and Alcohol Monitoring/HIMS FAQs

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1. What is a HIMS AME or HIMS-Trained AME?

- An AME who has successfully completed and passed additional training in evaluating airmen for substance- or alcohol-related conditions or other conditions (such as the SSRI program).
- HIMS AMEs can provide sponsorship and monitoring when required by the FAA for medical certification purposes. A HIMS AME can sponsor:
 - Airmen in an industry HIMS program; and
 - Airmen who do not work for an HIMS industry airline but are in an FAA-monitoring program.

2. Where do I find a HIMS AME?

You can find an HIMS AME using the FAA [AME Locator](#).

3. What is a HIMS psychiatrist?

A psychiatrist who has successfully completed additional training in evaluating airmen for substance- or alcohol-related conditions or other conditions (such as the SSRI program).

4. How do I find a HIMS psychiatrist?

Consult with a HIMS AME.

5. Is the HIMS program the same as a HIMS AME?

No. The HIMS program is an industry program. The airmen in this program are followed for FAA purposes by a HIMS AME. For more information, see the [HIMS program](#) Website.

6. Do all commercial pilots use the HIMS program?

No. The HIMS program is not used by all airlines. The list of current carriers with a HIMS program can be found on the [HIMS program](#) Website.

7. What if the airman flies recreationally or for an airline that does not have a HIMS program but they require monitoring for their FAA medical certificate?

Airmen who do not work for a carrier with a HIMS program can still be monitored by a HIMS-trained AME to fulfill the requirements of their medical certificate as outlined by the FAA.